

CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for generating a summary of a document, comprising:
an image capture device for capturing an image of a document;
a processing device for detecting annotations made to the document
5 prior to image capture; and
a summary generator for generating a summary of a document based
on the detected annotations.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the summary generator
is operative to generate a summary of the same document as that on which
10 the annotations are detected.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the summary generator
is operative to generate a summary of a different document as that on which
the annotations are detected.

4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the image capture
15 device is operative to capture an image of a second document to be
summarized based on the detected annotations from the first document.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing device
is operative to identify an image region associated with a detected annotation.

6. The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the image region
20 represents a sentence in the document image to provide context for the
identified annotation.

7. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the summary generator
is operative to generate a summary comprising portions which are selectively
expandable to increase the information in that portion of the summary.

8. A method of generating a summary of a document, comprising:
capturing an image of a document;
detecting annotations made to the document prior to image capture;
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using the detected annotations in the generation of a summary of a document.

9. A method according to claim 8, wherein the document summarized is same document as that on which the annotations are detected.

5 10. A method according to claim 8, wherein the document summarized is a different document from that on which the annotations are detected.

11. A method according to claim 10, further comprising capturing an image of a second document to be summarized based on the detected annotations from the first document.

10 12. A method according to claim 8, wherein said detection comprises identifying an image region associated with a detected annotation.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein the image region represents a sentence in the document image to provide context for the identified annotation.

15 14. A method according to claim 8, further comprising generating a summary comprising portions which are selectively expandable to increase the information in that portion of the summary.